



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · OREGON

Henry Hagg: Sunny Warming Weekend & Dawn Rock Smallmouth

Henry Hagg Lake (Scoggins Valley) · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times **PT**

Highs ~79° Fri → ~86° Sat → ~88° Sun (NWS PQR north band)

KHIO ~30.00 · KSLE ~30.00 inHg (Fri ~4 AM PT)

Scoggins below dam ~147 cfs · pool elev thin at pull

Metro recreational pressure · no named Hagg trail event

Scoggins Valley opens early October under a warming Portland-office high — pack a shell for the low-50° dawn, fish the first Dam Overlook riprap before the sun climbs, and let crawfish and leftover baitfish tell you which Eagle Point and Sain Creek rock still hold honest Hagg smallmouth.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Portland (PQR) north-band corridor forecast (PQR 121,64), pulled early Friday morning, keeps the Scoggins Valley / Henry Hagg corridor under a quiet dry high with cool nights and warming days into the upper 70s–upper 80s. **Friday** opens sunny with a high near **79°F** after an overnight low near **53°F**, west-southwest wind 0–6 mph, and almost no rain in the forecast; Friday night settles near **51°F**. **Saturday** climbs to near **86°F** / overnight low near **54°F**, sunny, light north breeze 0–3 mph. **Sunday** peaks near **88°F** / overnight low near **56°F**, sunny, southwest wind 0–5 mph. No active NWS watches or warnings for the corridor at the early-Friday pull. Nearby METARs around 4 AM PT Friday: **KHIO ~30.00** and **KSLE ~30.00 inHg** — a settled high over metro rock water.

For smallmouth: lean the low-light riprap, points, and Dam Overlook rock hard while nights stay in the low-to-mid 50s, then expect a morning-shallow / midday-slide pattern as highs climb into the mid-80s under sunny skies. Cool dawns should keep bait and bass honest on the first stone, Eagle Point banks, and Sain Creek no-wake water before the sun climbs. Soft recreational-metro pressure is the crowd factor — **no named Henry Hagg / Scoggins Valley trail event** Fri–Sun.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~79°F

Low ~53° overnight / ~51° night · ~1% storms · WSW 0–6 mph

Sunny

Sunrise **7:11 AM** · Sunset **6:54 PM PT**

Best bite: first light—9:30 AM PT on Dam Overlook riprap and Eagle Point rock; midday deeper points and shaded banks

SATURDAY OCT 3

~86°F

Low ~54° · ~0% storms · N 0–3 mph

Sunny

Sunrise **7:12 AM** · Sunset **6:52 PM PT**

Best bite: dawn on Sain Creek rock; midday lee points once metro park traffic builds

SUNDAY OCT 4

~88°F

Low ~56° · ~0% storms · SW 0–5 mph

Sunny

Sunrise **7:13 AM** · Sunset **6:50 PM PT**

Best bite: first light—mid-morning on lee riprap; midday windward rip along rock if any breeze stacks bait

BITE TIE-IN

Cool nights + warming sunny days = morning smallmouth on riprap, points, and the first rock transitions, then a midday slide to deeper stone and shaded banks as highs climb into the mid-80s. Keep a craw-colored tube or Ned ready — that is still Hagg's honest early-October menu.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Henry Hagg Lake is a Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) recreation pool behind Scoggins Dam, operated for public use by Washington County Parks (Scoggins Valley Park). There is **no public hour-by-hour hydropower unit board** for anglers. Live pool-elevation IV for the reservoir itself was thin at the early-Friday pull — treat the sheet below as honest failover plus metro-pressure context, with Scoggins Creek below the dam as the live outflow cue.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 EARLY PT)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Pool elevation BOR Scoggins / Hagg Hydromet · USGS lake elev	Thin at pull — no fresh instantaneous pool elev IV posted on scraped USGS/BOR endpoints	Confirm Washington County Parks notices and BOR RISE / Hydromet Scoggins before you trailer if last week's ramp felt skinny. Late-season recreation pools here typically still fish rock and points; confirm rather than guess.
Scoggins Creek below dam USGS 14202980	~147 cfs early Fri PT Oct 2	Modest early-October release below Scoggins — soft current near the dam-face neighborhood, not a sweeping generation push inside the pool. Soft outflow → bite only.
Access / park context Washington County Parks · Scoggins Valley	Confirm C-Ramp / Eagle Point / Sain Creek hours and any seasonal notices	Metro weekend traffic is the real crowd board — earlier launch still beats the picnic stack even without a trail blast-off.

Failover before launch: Washington County Parks Scoggins Valley · BOR RISE / Hydromet Scoggins · USGS 14202980. Dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft pool → bite only when elev is thin — fish rock and points you can see.

DAM OVERLOOK / LOWER ROCK

Dam Overlook riprap and the first deep rock edge fish a classic early-fall Hagg pattern: crawfish on stone early, then smallmouth sliding deeper along points as the sun climbs. Keep a safe buffer from restricted water.

EAGLE POINT · SAIN CREEK

Eagle Point banks and Sain Creek no-wake cove favor bank and kayak when metro boat traffic stacks the main bowl. Calm dawn pockets favor a compact tube; any light breeze favors a windward rip along rock after mid-morning.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Cool Friday dawns and hot Saturday–Sunday afternoons reward a shell early and water later; PFDs on wet rock; dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Start on **Dam Overlook riprap** and **Eagle Point shore** before picnic traffic, then rotate to **Sain Creek Rec Area** walking water for quieter rock. Dawn under the sunny high favors a compact tube or Ned along visible stone; once the sun climbs Saturday–Sunday, slow down with a green-pumpkin creature or light football jig along deeper points and shaded banks near the park day-use lanes.

KAYAK

Launch **Sain Creek** or **Scoggins Creek Rec Area** when you want short paddles into no-wake rock pockets boats rush past. On calmer dawn pockets Friday–Sunday, work lee riprap with a $\frac{3}{8}$ -oz swim jig or tube where bait marks, then slide a small crank parallel to Eagle Point stone once the sun hits rock. Pack a dry bag — metro evenings cool after sundown PT — and give bigger boats the main-bowl lanes around C-Ramp after late morning once weekend recreational traffic stacks up.

BOAT

C-Ramp and **Eagle Point ramp** put you closest to classic fall Hagg transitions: Dam Overlook riprap, main-lake points, and Sain Creek rock where crawfish pull smallmouth. Idle the first hour on a tube or waking bait along stone edges, then slide to deeper points and 8–15 ft rock with a Ned or light football jig as the sun climbs. Confirm park ramp notes if trailer depth looked skinny last trip — thin elev boards still fish rock you can see. Weekend metro recreational traffic builds by late morning even without a trail blast-off.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in slick dawn pockets along rock

Compact buzzbait on shaded riprap edges

Small popper when bait is sipping

MID

$\frac{3}{8}$ oz swim jig (green pumpkin / craw)

Tube parallel to riprap and points

Small crank / squarebill along rock transitions

Spinnerbait if any breeze stacks a rip

BOTTOM

Ned or light football jig on dam-face rock

Drop-shot on deeper points midday

Texas-rig creature in brush pockets

Wacky stickbait when fish suspend off stone

Stain / clear match: Natural craw and green-pumpkin on clearer main-lake rock; slightly darker profiles if Scoggins release color shows near the dam face. Tie colors to crawfish and leftover baitfish first.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Henry Hagg. Cooler nights in the low-to-mid 50s and a warming sunny high should pull smallmouth onto riprap, points, and the first rock transitions while keeping them honest around brush and dam-face stone. Fish are not locked on a winter deep stack yet — treat this as a morning-shallow, midday-slide pattern as highs climb into the mid-80s. Skip the spawn talk; that chapter is closed.

What's on the menu: Dated hatch reports for this exact window are thin. Most-likely forage this weekend is **crawfish** on riprap and points, with leftover juvenile baitfish wherever birds tip a school, and panfish / stocked trout leftovers in quieter coves. Start on craw-colored tubes and Neds; keep a baitfish-profile swim jig ready when schools mark midday.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

LARGEMOUTH · BRUSH POCKETS

Hagg holds largemouth in brushier pockets and softer banks — keep a creature or swim jig ready when smallmouth rock goes quiet. Soft language only; confirm seasons and creel on the live ODFW page before you keep fish.

STOCKED TROUT · CRAPPIE

Stocked trout and crappie matter for mixed bags in cooler arms and night bites. Same access rules as bass — legal bank and ramp water only.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named Oregon club / trail event pulled for **Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4** on Henry Hagg / Scoggins Valley. Metro recreational pressure is the crowd factor — expect picnic and ski traffic at C-Ramp / Eagle Point by late morning Saturday–Sunday. Weekend trail traffic elsewhere stays on Siltcoos / Lower Columbia / John Day Pool — not here. Earlier launch still beats the picnic stack.

LOOKING AHEAD

NWS trend stays dry and warm into early next week with highs pushing the mid-to-upper 80s — classic early-October Hagg mornings if nights stay cool. Heavy Traffic this weekend stays on other OR waters — **none named Henry Hagg** at the early-Friday pull. Next Cast: Monday window.

● PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Ethanol-free stations near the Forest Grove / Cornelius / Yamhill corridor (no pump prices).

- **Marathon** — 3619 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove, OR (~7.3 mi) · ethanol-free MARATHON 93 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade
- **Econo Gas** — 845 N Adair Street, Cornelius, OR (~8.3 mi) · ethanol-free SPACE AGE 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade
- **Valley Market** — 210 S Maple St., Yamhill, OR (~9.2 mi) · ethanol-free MARATHON 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade

- **Carlton Corners** — 150 N Yamhill St, Carlton, OR (~12.4 mi) · ethanol-free UNBRANDED 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade

Stations from Pure-Gas.org OR list (saved for this water). Listings move — verify literal E0 / ethanol-free grade at the pump. No pump prices published in this Cast.

Sources: NWS Portland (PQR) north-band corridor forecast grid PQR 121,64 · METAR KHIO / KSLE · USGS 14202980 Scoggins Creek below Henry Hagg · BOR Scoggins / Washington County Parks Scoggins Valley · orbass.com Oregon master schedule · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free station directory · ODFW Willamette Zone recreation report (live regs). Schedules change — confirm pool, ramps, and the forecast before launch.

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